

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1557
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FISHERIES PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a memorandum has been received by the Union Government from Gujarat regarding fisheries problems in the State; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Memorandum received from Gujarat inter alia included the following issues related to fisheries:

- (1) Special grant for modernization of harbours to suit European Standards and for Development of small harbours.
- (2) Raising the subsidy ceiling of welfare scheme.
- (3) Assistance to the families of Indian Fishermen captured by Pakistan.
- (4) Increase of kerosene & diesel quota to Gujarat Fishermen
- (5) Providing fish landing facilities at port Nava-Bandar, Dist Junagadh
- (6) Jakhau fishery Harbour project of Kutch District
- (7) Okha Fisheries Harbour
- (8) Capture of fishermen by Pakistan
- (9) To subsidise import of GRP technology to Government of Gujarat
- (10) To subsidise the pilot project on Sea Ranching along Gujarat Coast
- (11) To revise the terms and condition of Model Fishermen Village scheme
- (12) Revision of pattern of assistance FFDA
- (13) Communication System for Fishermen for Disaster Warning

Action taken by Government of India on these issues is stated in the enclosed annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part B of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1557 for answer on 2-8-2000

1. Modernisation of fishing harbours:

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Fishing Harbour Facilities at Major and Minor Ports is under implementation. In order to modernize the facilities and incorporate hygiene and sanitation requirements, a component on repair and renovation has been added. Under this component provision of water proof flooring, construction of walls for protection in the auction area and augmentation of water supply, etc. can be taken up. Proposals from Government of Gujarat in this respect are yet to be received.

2. Subsidy on Welfare Scheme:

The component on Model fishermen villages have been revised and the cost ceiling has been increased to Rs. 40,000. The Accident Insurance Component has been modified and the fishermen will now be insured for Rs. 50,000 against death/permanent disability and for Rs. 25,000 against partial disability.

3. Assistance to families of Indian fishermen captured by Pakistan.

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat

4. Increase of Kerosene & Diesel quota to Gujarat Fishermen:

The Ministry of Petroleum is of the view that use of kerosene is primarily for domestic purposes. In view of this, the State Government has to make do with the present allotment, and the quota allotted for fisheries is at the discretion of the State Governments. The Scheme on re-imbursement of Central excise duty on HSD oil purchased by mechanized fishing crafts is being re-evaluated, and revision of the Scheme will depend on the findings of the evaluation study.

5. Nava-Bunder Fish Landing Centre:

The State Government have forwarded a revised proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 141.32 lakhs for landing center at a new selected site. The revised proposal received from the State Government is under examination in the Ministry, and a decision on the proposal will be taken shortly.

6. Jakhau Fishing Harbour:

The minor fishing harbour at Jakhau in Kutch district of Gujarat was sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme at a cost of Rs. 1143.60 lakhs in May, 1993 with 100% central assistance as a special case due to strategic location of the site and Government of India have released the full amount. However, the Government of Gujarat have forwarded Revised Cost Estimate amounting to Rs. 3319.34 lakhs due to time overrun. The State government have been intimated that the revised cost cannot be sanctioned as the project was sanctioned in 1993 with a condition that cost overruns due to any reason have to be borne by the State Government.

7. Okha Fishing Harbour:

The Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore have prepared detailed Techno - Economic Feasibility Report with an estimated cost of Rs. 21.60 crores for development of Okha Fishing Harbour. The cost estimate of the project was based on Schedule of Rates of State Government of 1997-98. The proposal has been examined and the State Government have been requested to prepare cost estimate based on current Schedule of Rates.

8. Capture of fishermen by Pakistan:

A Central Sector Scheme is already under implementation to enhance the communication facilities of Coast Guard with a view to enable them to patrol the Maritime Zones of the country.

9. To subsidise import of GRP technology:

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat.

10. To subsidise the pilot project on Sea Ranching along Gujarat Coast:

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat,

11. Terms and conditions of the Model Fishermen Village Scheme:

There is no bar on providing subsidy for construction of houses scattered in a village. However, in such cases, common facilities are not admissible.

12. Fish Farmer Development Agency:

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Development of Freshwater Aquaculture' has, since been revised from the year 2000-2001 onwards. The pattern of Central Assistance has been changed from 50 per cent to 75 per cent and the unit cost of several items have been revised and certain new components have also been incorporated for accelerated development.

13. Communication System for Fishermen for Disaster Warning:

A detailed proposal in this regard is yet to be received from the Government of Gujarat